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Request for filing a Divisional Patent Application under 37

C.F.R. §1.53(b)

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Submitted herewith for filing is the Patent Application of:

Inventor: Rubin

**OBJECT ORIENTED INFORMATION  
RETRIEVAL FRAMEWORK MECHANISM**

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**ASSIGNEE NAME: International Business Machines Corporation**

**ASSIGNEE RESIDENCE: Armonk, New York**

This is a request for filing a divisional application under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) of pending prior application Serial No. 09/081,174 filed on 05/19/98 and entitled OBJECT ORIENTED INFORMATION RETRIEVAL FRAMEWORK MECHANISM, which was a divisional of U.S. Patent No. 5,778,378 issued on 07/07/98. The prior applications have been incorporated by reference.

Enclosed are:

- ☒ Divisional utility patent application, with specification, claims, and abstract
- ☒ 20 sheets of drawings. (FORMAL/INFORMAL)
- ☒ Copy of Assignment from prior application evidencing title in International Business Machines Corporation, Armonk, New York 10504.
- ☒ Copy of Executed Declaration & Power of Attorney from prior application
- ☒ Return postcard.

The inventor of the invention being claimed is: Bradley Scott Rubin, the same as in the original application.

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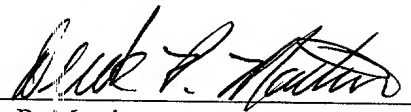
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